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# Global Commitment Register

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## **Hemochromatosis Genetic Test**

### **Policy Summary:**

The Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) is adding the hemochromatosis genetic test (CPT code 81256) as a covered service requiring Prior Authorization. Hereditary hemochromatosis (he-moe-kroe-muh-TOE-sis) causes your body to absorb too much iron from the food you eat. Excess iron is stored in your organs, especially your liver, heart and pancreas. Too much iron can lead to life-threatening conditions, such as liver disease, heart problems, and diabetes. It is appropriate for testing of individuals who have a family history of hereditary hemochromatosis.

### **Effective Date:**

July 1, 2016

### **Authority/Legal Basis:**

These changes are being made under the Medicaid State Plan, which can be found here:  
<http://dvha.vermont.gov/administration/state-plan>.

### **Population Affected:**

All Medicaid

### **Fiscal Impact:**

No fiscal impact.

### **Public Comment Period:**

The public comment period was 6/7/16 – 6/30/16. No comments were received.

### **Additional Information:**

The DVHA Provider Fee Schedules can be viewed on the DVHA website here:  
<http://dvha.vermont.gov/for-providers/claims-processing-1>